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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – 112 Fugitives Arrested in ICE Operation

(U) More than 100 immigrants with criminal convictions were arrested during a four-day sweep in Southern California, federal officials announced yesterday. The operation spanned Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties and targeted 112 immigrants who had been released after serving previous sentences — but who could not be held for deportation under state law. The arrested were immigrants who were involved in gang activity or had three or more misdemeanor convictions or a conviction for a “significant” misdemeanor such as a DUI. Some of those arrested this week were in the country legally, officials said.

SOURCE: 21 July 2016, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Oxnard – Man Accused of Building Chemical Weapon inside of Wal-Mart

(U) A man has been arrested in connection with researching ways to make a chemical weapon, then later leaving a device inside a Wal-Mart in Oxnard, police announced on 20 July. Martin Reyes, was already in custody on an unrelated offense when he confessed Tuesday to making and hiding the device inside the retail store, according to a Oxnard police spokesman. He was booked on suspicion of unlawful possession and manufacturing of a chemical weapon of mass destruction. The device, according to investigators, was capable of creating a gas that could have posed substantial health risks. Reyes told investigators that he conducted most of his research into the device on the Internet.

SOURCE: 21 July 2016, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado – Town’s Water Tests Positive for THC

(U) Hugo – Officials have urged residents in a small Colorado town not to consume their water after several wells tested positive for THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. So far no illnesses have been linked to the water in Hugo, a town of around 700 people located roughly 100 miles southeast of Denver, according to officials. The announcement comes after a local company was testing its own water and got a positive result. Local law enforcement was then notified and further testing in other locations took place, which revealed additional positive results.

SOURCE: 22 July 2016, [ABC News](#)

(U) District of Columbia – Suspected Boss of Online Piracy Site Arrested

(U) Washington – The alleged boss of the world's biggest online piracy site, Kickass Torrents, was hit with US criminal charges on 20 July, accused of distributing over \$1 billion worth of illegally copied films, music and other content. The Justice Department unveiled a criminal complaint against Ukrainian national Artem Vaulin, who was arrested in Poland and is wanted by the US for copyright infringement, money laundering and other charges. Vaulin is alleged to own Kickass Torrents or KAT, which in recent years has eclipsed Pirate Bay and others to become the world's biggest source of pirated media.

SOURCE: 20 July 2016, [Associated Foreign Press](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) New York – Man Sentenced for Acting as Russian Agent**

(U) New York City – A Texas man who acted as a secret agent for the Russian government and illegally exported cutting-edge military technology to Russia has been sentenced to 10 years in prison yesterday in federal court. Alexander Fishenko, a US and Russian citizen, pleaded guilty in September to crimes including acting as a Russian agent. Prosecutors say he led a scheme that evaded strict export controls for micro-electronics commonly used in missile guidance systems, detonation triggers and radar systems. Prosecutors say his Houston-based company, Arc Electronics Inc., shipped about \$50 million worth of technologies to Russia between 2002 and 2012.

SOURCE: 21 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) France – Truck Attacker in Nice Had Accomplices, Planned for Months**

(U) Nice – The truck driver who killed 84 people on a Nice beachfront had accomplices and appears to have been plotting his attack for months, the Paris prosecutor said yesterday, citing text messages, more than 1,000 phone calls and video of the attack scene on the phone of one of five people facing terror charges. Prosecutor Francois Molins said the five suspects in custody face preliminary terrorism charges for their alleged roles in helping Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlef in the 14 July attack in the southern French city.

SOURCE: 21 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Thailand – Police Arrest Russian, Uzbeki for Alleged Cyber Theft

(U) Bangkok – A Russian man and an Uzbek woman were arrested at beach resorts in Thailand and accused of stealing more than \$28.5 million by planting malware on victims' computers and depleting bank accounts in the United States and other countries. Thailand's Tourist Police announced yesterday that in collaboration with the FBI it had arrested Dmitry Ukrainsev in the beach resort town of Pattaya where he ran yacht rental businesses. His alleged accomplice, Olga Komova was arrested in the beach resort of Koh Chang. A police spokesman said US law enforcement had begun investigating in 2014 after suspicious large-scale money transfers were made into Thailand from the United States, Australia, Japan, England, Italy and Germany.

SOURCE: 20 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

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